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SIGNAL PROCESSING CAPABILITY AND ENDOSCOPIC
IMAGING SYSTEMS
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This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/545,309 filed April 7, 2000 entitled IMAGE PROCESSING UNIT WITH EXPANDABLE SIGNAL PROCESSING CAPABILITY AND ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEMS, which claims the benefit of Convention Date June 9, 1999 for Japan Appln. S.N. 11-162910, Convention Date June 28, 1999 for Japan Appln. S.N. 11-182333, Convention Date September 1, 1999 for Japan Appln. S.N. 11-247586, Convention Date September 3, 1999 for Japan Appln. S.N. 11-250604, and Convention Date September 21, 1999 for Japan Appln. S.N. 11-267764, the contents of which are incorporated by this reference.

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- ☒ Print EFS Data Sheet
- 94 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- 7 Numbered Claims Calculated as 7 Claims for Fee Purposes
- 65 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 80 (Formal)
- ☒ Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under 37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.



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